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METHOD OF KILLING TARGET CELLS IN HARVESTED CELL

POPULATIONS WITH ONE OR MORE IMMUNOTOXINS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 1999, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows. Please cancel claims 2, 4, 5 and 9–12, with reserve for re-filing in a divisional application.

1. (Amended) Method to kill breast cancer cells or other carcinoma cells expressing the same target antigens in a cell population comprising nucleated cells [harvested from] in peripheral blood, or CD-34⁺ cells selected from the above nucleated cells, or other immature/early progenitor cells from blood containing multipotent stem cells, characterized in that the cell population is exposed to a combination of two immunotoxins, wherein each immunotoxin is composed of a conjugate between an antibody and a cell toxin, fragments of antibodies and toxin, or recombinantly produced antibodies, toxins, immunotoxins or fragments thereof, wherein the antibodies are directed to epitopes on the antigen EGP2 expressed by the

